UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	H.-M.E. Lam et al.	Attorney Docket No.:	MSFT125569
Application No.:	10/713,712	Art Unit: 2168 / Confirmation No.: 2286	
Filed:	November 14, 2003	Examiner: D.N. Gortayo	
Title:	A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OBJECT-ORIENTED INTERACTION WITH HETEROGENEOUS DATA STORES		

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/ PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

September 1, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A.   Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	31	-	31	=	0	x	50	=	0
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	x	200	=	0
	TOTAL								$0

B.   Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 4, 2006, set to expire on August 4, 2006, be extended by 1 month, to expire on September 4, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of $120.

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for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
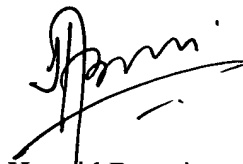
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Date: _Sept. 1, 2006_ _Patricia Gubble_

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